

LONG DELAYS AT THE POST.

THE STARTER WAS MUCH TOO SLOW.

BURLESQUE AND LITHOS SUCCESSFUL AMONG THE TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

August Belmont was at the Atlantic yesterday, en route to England, just at the time when his pretty filly Woodvine came in the first race at Sheepshead Bay. Long ago Mr. Belmont wrote a letter for publication which analyzed Woodvine's entire career lucidly and forcibly. Zealous of that letter would convince the most obtuse skeptic that Woodvine (even although Intermittent defeated her overwhelmingly in a stake race at Gravesend when Woodvine came out for the first time in 1895) ought to defeat such a field of sprinters.

At the opening of yesterday, it is certain that Woodvine had marked speed at short distances in 1895, and was a stake filly. In the first race, on July 1, of the present meeting, she was ridden by Hewitt, who is much inferior in jockeyship to Griffin, who handled her clumsily. But, even with Hewitt in the saddle, she flew over the ground in the homestretch after having been almost left at the post, and having been badly fouled in the first half-mile. Mr. Belmont's stud up, was justly popular that Woodvine, without a single back, was backed most lavishly yesterday. The general public poured money on her as if it were of no more value than the sands of the seashore. The layers of odds had that almost every one-plunkers and public alike—saw her to back Woodvine to the most extravagant extent. She was the idol of the visitors to the track for that race.

A distressing delay at the post, down out beyond the limits of even the most elastic patience, annoyed and exasperated every person present. This delay was caused chiefly by Starter Flynn's incapacity in decision and inability to control the jockeys, but also largely by the obstinacy of Tremargo and Medica, the Sensation Stable's pair. Tremargo and Medica are most afflictive nuisances at the post, and they ought to be exiled. The stewards have properly and rightly decided that Tremargo and Medica shall have no more chance to mend their ways and to behave tolerably at the post, and if they continue to act like fiends, they shall be refused. This is a sound and excellent decision.

But Woodvine, apparently, the most placid and coolest of tempers, and she stood like a statue in a good position for most of the time. When the flag fell to a straggling and unsatisfactory start, she fell to a straggling and unsatisfactory start, and ran a long way from the starting line, and from that point she was actually out of the contest. At the finish she was behind even Lady Greenway.

THE RIDING LOOKED LISTLESS.

Griffin's riding seemed to look a little listless. Mr. Belmont was indeed fortunate to be on the ocean and to escape seeing such a wretched spectacle as this—the object and pitiable failure of his graceful, comely and charming stake filly, so great a public favorite, in so melancholy a style. Griffin's riding in the post, seemingly she possessed the most placid and coolest of tempers, and she stood like a statue in a good position for most of the time. When the flag fell to a straggling and unsatisfactory start, she fell to a straggling and unsatisfactory start, and ran a long way from the starting line, and from that point she was actually out of the contest. At the finish she was behind even Lady Greenway.

Another interesting public favorite was defeated in the third race. Sims was on Patriotic, who was backed down to even money, and the plunging on the horse, both by the heaviest operators and by the general public, was extremely energetic and determined. But Irish Red reeled off the mile in 1:31, and Patriotic did not catch her. The general public, however, and judiciously, and could have been induced if he had not lain back so far behind the leader with Patriotic and had made his run sooner. Perhaps they were mistaken, but their opinion certainly seemed reasonable. Nevertheless, it was plain that Irish Red won in her best form, and her speed was exceptional. Hornpipe, ridden by Hamilton, ran a melancholy and drooping race, and was out of the money.

By-the-way, it is the obvious and urgent duty of the stewards of the Jockey Club to appoint a competent physician to look after the health of the horses, and to prevent any jockey from weighing in who shows signs of intoxication. It is most scandalous that any jockey should be allowed to drink, and that a race which has been drinking to excess. Any competent physician could tell at a glance whether a horse had been drinking, and that the medical schools of the United States are turning out new doctors by the thousand every year, and the Jockey Club is seriously neglecting its duty. The Jockey Club could secure the services of a thoroughly competent physician and surgeon, at a moderate salary, and this medical aid could be present at every race, and the Jockey Club could be sure that the horses were in good health, and that the racing was fair and honest.

TARAL AND BURLESQUE.

The Western colt Burlesque was the favorite in the second race, but both Royal Rose and Meadowthorpe were well backed. Michael P. Dwyer fancied the chances of Meadowthorpe, and put a bet of some size on that colt. Burlesque ran very well, and was the favorite in the second race, but both Royal Rose and Meadowthorpe were well backed. Michael P. Dwyer fancied the chances of Meadowthorpe, and put a bet of some size on that colt. Burlesque ran very well, and was the favorite in the second race, but both Royal Rose and Meadowthorpe were well backed. Michael P. Dwyer fancied the chances of Meadowthorpe, and put a bet of some size on that colt.

THE FOURTH OF JULY PROGRAMME.

The Coney Island Jockey Club will present a most brilliant and tempting programme for Saturday, the Fourth of July. Seven races will be run, including an extra race for maidens, three years old and upward, which will be run as the sixth race. This has been added to the programme, and the programme of a guaranteed value of \$20,000, will be the most valuable race in any part of the country. The programme for Saturday Don De Oro, Outgoing, Bastion, George Kessler, The Friar, Ornament and another popular and successful two-year-olds are entered, and are expected to start in the post the strongest field of two-year-olds yet seen in this country.

DETAILS OF THE CONTESTS.

FIRST RACE—Handicap, for three-year-olds; \$500 added. Five furlongs on main track.

James McCormick's colt, P. P. O'Day, by Ayshire—Sunderland, 104 lb. (car. 105) 1-5-3-5

Sensation Stable's h. t. Medica, 87 lb. (car. 88) 2-1-1-1

Lady Greenway, 90 lb. (car. 91) 3-1-1-1

Meadowthorpe, 112 lb. (car. 113) 4-1-1-1

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